

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is an information-processing apparatus comprising: storage means for storing application programs and data files; calculating means for activating an application program stored in the storage means to carry out predetermined processing; media drive means for recording and playing back information into and from an external recording medium; and control means which controls the media-drive means and the storage means when the external recording medium for recording an application program is mounted on the media drive means so that: when the storage means includes a remaining free storage area with a size large enough for accommodating the application program recorded in the external recording medium, the application program recorded in the external recording medium is installed in the storage means; but when the storage means includes a remaining free storage area with a size not large enough for accommodating the application program recorded in the external recording medium, on the other hand, an application program or a data file stored in the storage means is saved to the external recording medium in order to allocate a free storage area in the storage means and then the application program recorded in the external recording medium is installed in the storage means.